

APPENDIX I

(MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS)

1. (Amended) A method for wrapping a rubber strip around a forming drum ~~while extruding an unvulcanized rubber strip from an injection device~~, comprising the steps of:

continuously extruding an unvulcanized rubber strip from an injection device;

pressing said rubber strip by a guide roll against said forming drum under tension ~~while forming a space for absorbing variations in an amount of extrusion of the rubber strip between said guide roll~~, a pressed portion of said rubber strip and an extrusion outlet of said injection device disposed apart from one another at a length defining a space therebetween;

rotating said forming drum in synchronism with extrusion of said rubber strip so that said guide roll is driven; and

wrapping the rubber strip guided by said guide roll around said forming drum while extruding the unvulcanized rubber strip.